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1. Eleven fast motorboats (torpedowce) are based at Gdynia: the BIEG WILCZY, BLYSKAWICZNY, BYSTRY, DEJATEK, DEJELNY, KARBY, NIEODOLICIEL, NIEUCHWYTNY, SPRAWNY, SZYBKI, and SZYALY. An additional boat of this type, the ODRAZNY, is based in Gdynia (Gdynia). These craft are Soviet-built. In the opinion of Polish sailors, they have little military value and are ready for scrapping. They have two Packard engines, capable of 16 knots, and are armed with one 22.7 mm. stern gun, two Colt 12.7 mm. machine guns amidships, and death charges. The crew usually numbers 18, but sometimes up to 22.
2. The Polish Navy also has two torpedo-cutters (torpedowce) at Gdynia, numbered 1 and 2. They are of Soviet origin and similar to the motorboats. They are powered by three Packard engines, and armed with two Colt 12.7 mm. machine guns and two torpedoes. They have a crew of 20.
3. Among the auxiliary vessels (okrety pomocnicze) are three tankers (tankowce) of 250 BRT, the KAPAR, CLIMAK and ZOL. They are unarmed. There are five tugs (holowniki): the KAPER and the ZEGHARZ, with 360 H.P. engines; the 200 H.P. MISTRZ, the 120 H.P. MAJSTER, and the 250 H.P. KRAKUS. The tugs have no armament. There are also various unarmed motorboats.
4. The floating base (baza pływająca) NOTLAWA is generally anchored in basin number nine at Orywio. It serves as a barracks, staff, and supply ship. It has no propulsion, but is towed by the tug RACUNIA. There is also a floating crane (pływający kran) at Gdynia with a lifting capacity of 25 tons.
5. A Chinese Seamen's Home (Dom Marynarza Chińskiego) has been established in Gdynia as a result of the large number of Chinese being recruited as crewmen for Polish ships.

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